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**MAYOR PEREZ AND BOE ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO TAKE PART
IN FORMAL DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

---MEDIA AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY---

WHEN: Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: E. B. Kennelly School
180 White Street in Hartford's Southwest neighborhood

TOPIC: City-wide Mandatory School Uniform Policy
For 2006-2007 School year

Mayor Eddie A. Perez, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Education, along with members of the BOE are urging parents to take part in the discussion of school uniforms. The Mayor's Safety and Order Task Force has done extensive research on the topic and recommend that the Hartford School System adopt a mandatory school uniform policy as a positive way to reduce distraction and disruption in Hartford classrooms. The policy would be for grades PK-8 and would put the focus of school on learning.

Area businesses are also encouraged to partner with the City to help reduce cost. The Board also anticipates PTO's would host clothing swaps to help meet clothing requirements at little or no cost.

The Board hopes that the community will rally behind this as one of many important steps aimed at improving safety and discipline in Hartford Public Schools. The final vote on this issue is set for June 4th.

For more information on the Mayor's role, please contact Sarah Barr, Director of Communications at (860) 522-4888 x6217, or Ramon Espinoza, Media Liaison, at x6208.